

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the drawing sheets including Figures 7 and 12 with the following attached replacement drawing sheets.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the herein-contained amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

Upon entry of the present amendment, Figures 7 and 12 of the drawings will be amended. The attached drawing sheets replace Figures 7 and 12, which were filed on March 17, 2003, and which were marked up to show proposed changes (replacing "AF control" with --- AE control --- in step S125). The attached drawing sheets incorporate those proposed changes.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claim 9 will also be amended such that the word "distance" is inserted between "active" and "measurement" in the last line of the claim. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment merely corrects a clerical error, as the terminology "active distance measurement" is referred to elsewhere in claim 9

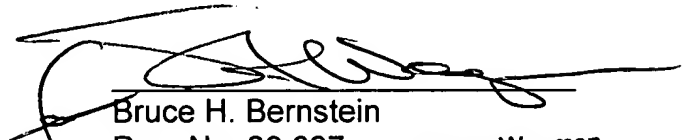
Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the present amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 since it does not require an additional search or examination, since it merely incorporates previously proposed drawing changes and corrects a clerical error, and since no new matter is contained herein.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to exercise his discretion and approve the present amendment for entry under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachments: Figures 7 and 12 (two replacement sheets)